14 November 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion of Computer Support to FMSAC

1. Carl Duckett, Director of FMSAC, met with me today to discuss ways and means by which OCS could render computer support to FMSAC. In attendance were Messrs. [   ] of OCS, and [   ] of BMSD/OSI.

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2. I reviewed for Carl the OCS organization and asked Harry [   ] to describe in some detail the present range of OCS computer applications relating to missile and space intelligence.

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3. Carl, in turn, described the mission, functions, and skills planned for his new office.

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5. Carl and Curt then discussed their plan to reactivate Test Ranges Branch computer requirements and indicating that [   ] was tentatively earmarked for this purpose in FY-64. Harry felt that this kind of money could not reasonably be spent in FY-64. Instead, he suggested that OCS support the Activities Division over the next six months in order to develop a systems design that would lead to implementation in FY-65. OCS systems analysts working in conjunction with Activities Division personnel would determine what data would be needed, how it would be organized, and the extent of programming support required. Carl and I seemed to agree that the [   ] figure for FY-64 was therefore too steep and that a sum of [   ] was more realistic.

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6. It was obvious during the meeting that FMSAC computer requirements will become quite extensive during the year ahead. Carl felt that in launching his new program his FY-64 and -65 budget should reflect the cost of computer support inasmuch as OCS had not anticipated the FMSAC requirement when it originally estimated its financial needs.

7. We were all in agreement that there is much that OCS could do for FMSAC immediately and I directed [   ] to assign one or more personnel from OCS's Application Branch to the job of getting the ball rolling.

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    Mr. Duckett

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P.S. I failed to suggest to Carl that he consider a more euphonious acronym such as SMAC (Space-Missile Analysis Center) in preference to the phonetic fillip FMSAC.